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June 30, 2006

Kristi Izzo, Secretary New Jersey Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, New Jersey 07102

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE ELECTRIC DISCOUNT AND ENERGY COMPETITION ACT OF 1999 BPU DOCKET NO. EX00020091

> ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY 2006/2007 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE FILING FOR THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND PROGRAM FACTOR WITHIN THE SOCIETAL BENEFITS CHARGE RATE

Dear Ms. Izzo:

Enclosed for filing in the Universal Service Fund (USF) proceeding captioned above, an original and 10 copies of the Atlantic City Electric Company (ACE or the Company) 2006/2007 USF Compliance Filing. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this Compliance Filing by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning the same in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. Pursuant to New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board) Order dated June 22, 2005, an annual compliance filing for prospective USF rates is required on July 1st of each year.

In order to streamline, the Board's review of the documents within this proceeding, the utilities agreed to present supporting documentation for joint recommendations within the compliance filing of Public Service Electric and Gas Company. This filing documents ACE's support of a decrease of the current Statewide electric USF rate on and after October 1, 2006.

Based upon the results known to date for the 2005/2006 USF program year and the available estimates for the 2006/2007 USF program year, it is proposed that the statewide USF rates

should be set to recover \$156.4 million on a statewide bases. The details for the recovery of the \$156.4 million statewide are set forth on the template appended hereto as Attachment A. Additionally, based upon the available estimates known to date for the 2006/2007 Lifeline program year, it is proposed that the statewide Lifeline rates should be set to recover \$72.0 million on a statewide bases. The details for the recovery of the \$72.0 million statewide are set forth on the template appended hereto as Attachment A.

In addition, ACE has appended proposed tariff sheets, effective October 1, 2006, Attachment B, proposing to decrease its electric USF program factor from 0.0892 cents per kWh (0.0946 cents per kWh including SUT) to 0.0601 cents per kWh (0.0637 cents per kWh including SUT).

In the event that after the October 1, 2006 implementation of the proposed statewide electric and gas USF rates, the Board or DHS may direct that the USF program be modified in such a manner that the benefits to participants or the cost of the program will increase. The Company requests herein that it reserve the right to petition for an increase. Any such increases would be reconciled in the Company's next scheduled annual USF compliance filing to be made no later than July 1, 2007.

ACE requests that the Board accept this filing and issue an Order approving a decrease of the current statewide electric USF rate for electric service on and after October 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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C: Attached service list

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Pursuant to Section 12 of the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act of 1999
Docket No. EX00020091

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USF calculation of rates as of 10/1/06

		<u>Gas</u> 54.982%	<u>Electric</u> 45.018%	<u>Total</u> 100.000%	(based on estimate of benefits)
USF-Permanent program projections for Program	1 Year 2006				
admin costs-DHS	а	\$1,649,452	\$1,350,548	\$3,000,000	
admin costs-utility (postage/mailing)	b	\$86,261	\$70,582	\$156,843	
estimate of benefits for next program year	С	\$62,147,590	\$50,885,593	\$113,033,183	
Est. program u/r @ 9/30/06*	d	\$38,779,448	(\$11,041,386)	\$27,738,062	
Fresh Start Program	е	\$6,133,549	\$6,350,880	\$12,484,429	
Total	f=a+b+c+d+e	\$108,796,299	\$47,616,217	\$156,412,516	
Projected Volumes	g	5,035,792,429	79,183,193,000		(normalized jurisdictional volumes for 12 mos beginning 10/1/06)
New rate, before tax	h=f/g	\$0.0216	\$0.000601		ioi 12 mos beginning 10/1/00)
Current before tax rate	i	\$0.0088	\$0.000892		
Before tax Increase/(Decrease)	j=h-i	\$0.0128	(\$0.000291)		
New Rate, after tax	k=h*1.06	\$0.0229	\$0.000637		
Current Rate, after tax	l=i*1.06	<u>\$0.0093</u>	<u>\$0.000946</u>		
After tax Increase/(Decrease)	m=k-l	\$0.0136	(\$0.000309)		

^{*} Actuals through April 2006. Estimated underrecovery is calculated as the difference between the USF expenditures (benefits to customers, FSP costs, administrative costs and SBC carrying costs) and the amounts received from the Clearinghouse. See (Projected Underrecovery by Utility-Gas) and (Projected Underrecovery by Utility-Electric) for each company's underrecovery position.

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ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a Conectiv Power Delivery

BPU NJ No. 11 Electric Service - Section IVSixth-Seventh Revised Sheet Replaces Fifth-Sixth Revised Sheet No. 58

RIDER (SBC) Societal Benefits Charge (SBC)

Customers receiving service under Electric Rate Schedules RS, MGS, AGS, TS, TGS, DDC, SPL, and CSL and any customer taking service under special contractual arrangements.

In accordance with the New Jersey Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, Societal Benefits Charges include:

- Clean Energy Program Costs
- Uncollectible Accounts
- Universal Service Fund
- Lifeline
- Consumer Education Program

The Company's Societal Benefits Charges to be effective on and after the date indicated below are as follows:

Clean Energy Program
Uncollectible Accounts
Universal Service Fund
Lifeline
Consumer Education Program

\$0.001071 per kWh \$0.000336 per kWh \$0.000946 per kWh <u>\$0.000637 per kwh</u> \$0.000710 per kW <u>\$0.000674 per kwh</u>h \$0.000126 per kWh

Date of Issue: December 2, 2005 July 1, 2006 Effective Date: June 1 October 1, 2005 2006

Issued by: William J Simm, President - Atlantic City Electric Company
Filed pursuant to Order of the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey as presented in Docket
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ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC COMPANY

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